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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on frozen 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to fully steady. No trading was reported. Inquiry was light to moderate. Most interest directed to outfront sales, while prompt shipments are receiving light interest. Bulk parts and meats trading was slow. Demand was light to fair with buyers generally cautious.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was slow with limited sales reported on tom drums. Inquiry remains light as buyers resisting current price levels.



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	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-68	68	68.00	60	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-67	-	-	-		-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-67	-	-	-		-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 18 MAY 2004.

Trade sentiment on fresh tom breast meat steady to barely steady. Inquiry light to instances fair with some interest starting to be noted on close trimmed product. Fresh destrapped tenderloin trade sentiment steady to instances fully steady with some spot premiums paid for prompt shipments. Breast trim and wing meat with skin was steady to fully steady, scapula barely steady at best. White meat demand was slow on to moderate, best on wing meat, destrapped tenderloins and breast trim. Offerings mixed. Demand continued good on fresh -20% mechanically separated turkey (MST) with offerings short of buyers' needs. Some domestic buyers, however, were starting to take a closer look at the more competitively priced MSC. Trading was heavy on fresh MST, balance light. Mixed wings traded at 42 cents delivered domestic and fresh tom drums at 32.50-33 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	94.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		F	154.00	36
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	85.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	34.00		34.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	35.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	32.00		32.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	43.00		43.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	45.50	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	32.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	77.00	30
NECKS, TOM	38.00-41.00		38.69	52
NECKS, HEN		T	43.00	11
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	181.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		F	188.56	413
THIGH MEAT		R	81.00	120
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	93.00	35
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	112.00	120
SCAPULA MEAT		R	94.00	80
TENDERLOINS		R	143.00	160
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	192.00		192.00	30
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	102.00		102.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	45.00-50.00		48.38	966

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	33.00		33.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	45.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		R	35.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	35.50	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	88.00	80

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	70-71
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	72
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	70

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	105-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	105-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	105-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	95-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	93-130

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The market on tom 2-joint wings was steady, tom drums was steady at best, tom full-cut wings steady to barely steady and tom necks barely steady to weak. Hen bulk parts were mostly steady. Demand light to fair with buyers generally cautious on tom parts items. Hen bulk parts offerings light to adequate. Offerings of tom bulk parts ranged from light to adequate on 2-joint wings to instances burdensome on necks. Trading centered on a light volume of tom necks at steady to lower trending price levels, balance slow. Some strap in tenderloins traded with -6 months age and some spot offerings were noted on frozen destrapped tenderloins at steady price levels. For domestic (part loads): fresh wing meat and scapula 114, fresh breast trim 120-123 mostly 120 cents delivered. Some scapula traded at 94.50 cents delivered export.

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DRUMSTICKS, HEN	32.00		32.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	44.00		44.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	45.50	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	32.00-33.00		32.50	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	77.00-79.00		78.33	60
NECKS, TOM	36.00-39.00		36.58	149
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BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	181.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		F	188.56	413
THIGH MEAT		R	81.00	120
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	94.00		94.00	24
BREAST TRIM MEAT	109.00		109.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		R	94.00	80
TENDERLOINS	142.00		142.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	174.00		174.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		T	192.00	30
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	106.00		106.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	49.00-51.00		50.00	80
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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 05/19/04

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD	ACCUMULATED		
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
2003-2004	4,357	270,464	270,464
2002-2003	8,853	379,425	379,725